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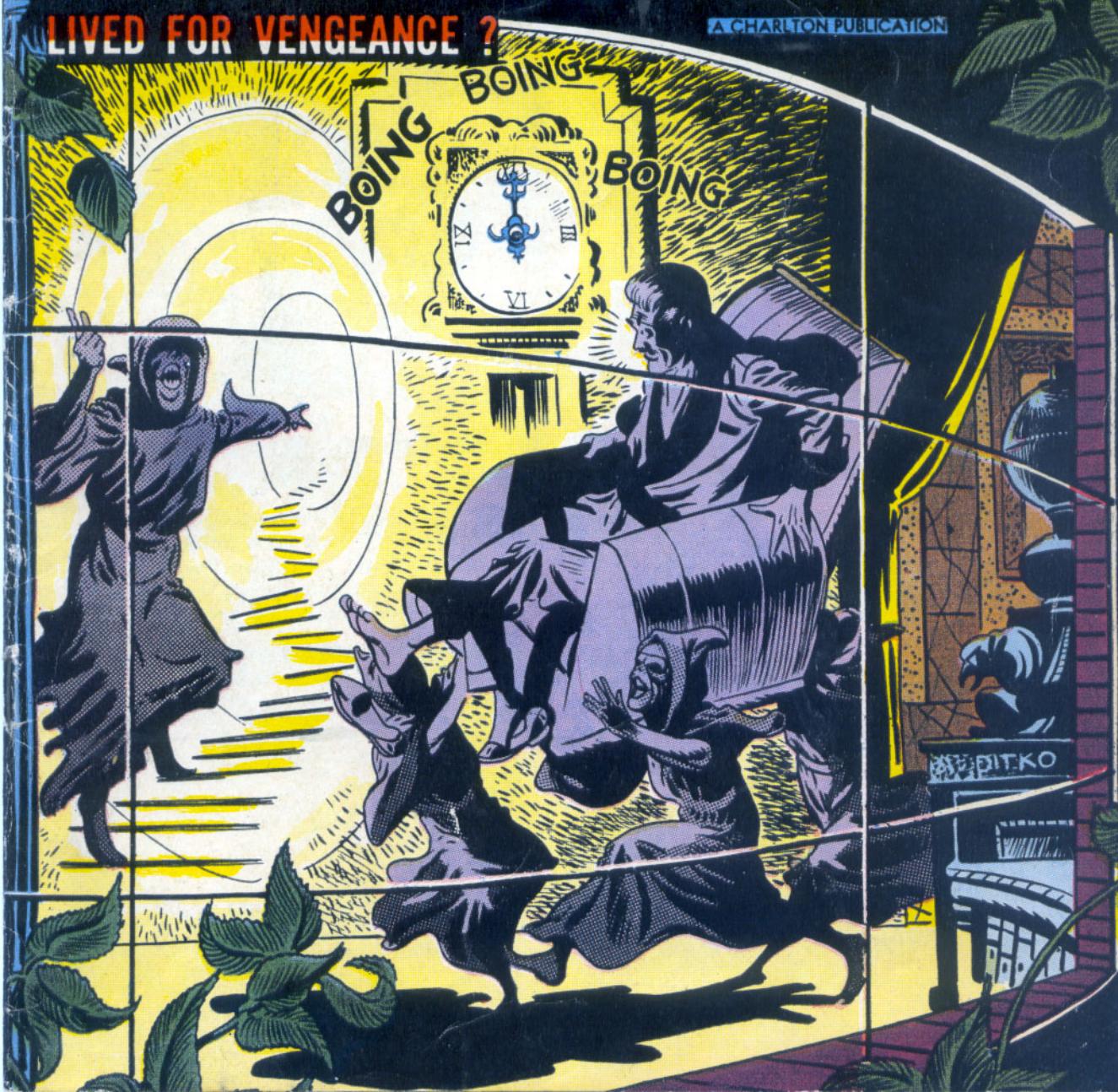
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THE MAN WHO
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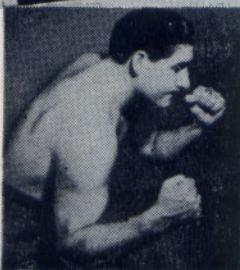
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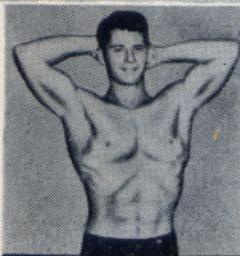
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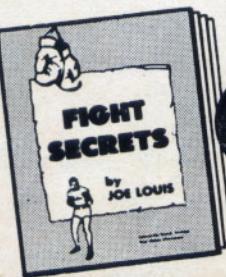
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DAD HAD SAVED EVERY CENT FOR THIS VACATION AND WE PLANNED TO MAKE IT A GOOD ONE...

I SEE IT,
DAD! PLANDOME...
IT'S ABOUT TWENTY
MILES FROM HERE!

WE'LL BE THERE
IN HALF AN HOUR,
BUT WE'LL HAVE
TO STOP FOR
GAS FIRST!



AT THE FIRST FILLING STATION...

PLANDOME? WHY, IT'S THE
SEASON FOR THE GREEN
PEOPLE! SURELY YOU'RE
NOT GOING THERE?

GREEN PE-
OPLE? WHAT'S
THAT?



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THEY'RE NOT OF THIS WORLD! I'VE NEVER SEEN THE GREEN PEOPLE, BUT I'VE HEARD SAY, WHEN THEY COME, THEY TAKE OUR KIND BACK WITH THEM.'

OH, COME NOW! DO YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT KIND OF NONSENSE?

STORIES TO FRIGHTEN LITTLE CHILDREN! BAH! WHY NOT ORANGE OR PURPLE PEOPLE?

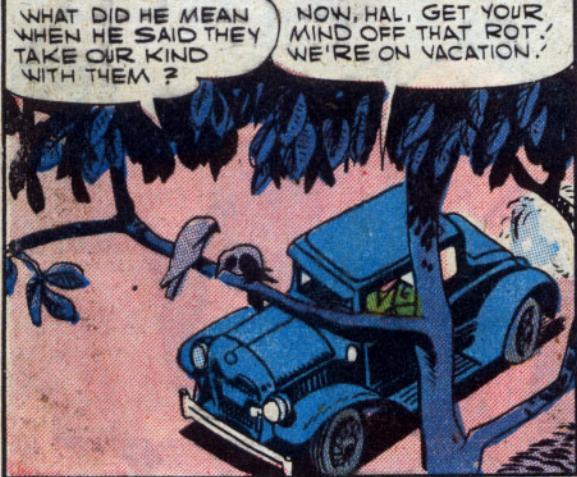
MISTER, IF I WERE YOU, I'D TURN AROUND AND GO HOME! I WOULDN'T GO TO PLANDOME FOR ANYTHING ON EARTH!



I HAD GASPED WHEN I HEARD OF THE GREEN PEOPLE, BUT TO ALL MY QUESTIONS...

WHAT DID HE MEAN WHEN HE SAID THEY TAKE OUR KIND WITH THEM?

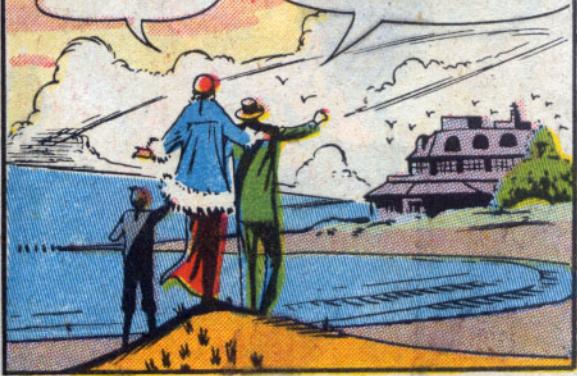
NOW, HAL, GET YOUR MIND OFF THAT ROT. WE'RE ON VACATION!



THE ROAR OF THE SURF AND THE SEA AIR MADE ME FORGET MOMENTARILY...

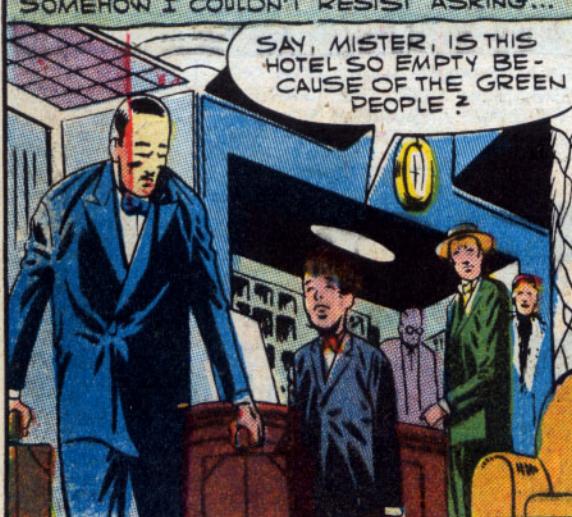
ISN'T THIS WHAT WE ALWAYS DREAMED OF? IT'S TOO BEAUTIFUL FOR WORDS!

AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WHOLE GLORIOUS WEEK OF IT! C'MON, LET'S GET TO THAT HOTEL!



THE HOTEL SEEMED STRANGELY QUIET AND SOMEHOW I COULDN'T RESIST ASKING...

SAY, MISTER, IS THIS HOTEL SO EMPTY BECAUSE OF THE GREEN PEOPLE?



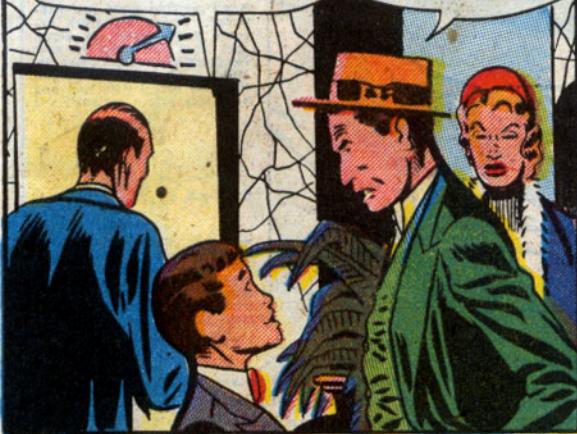
GREEN PEOPLE? WH- WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT, SON? THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING!



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DID YOU SEE HIM JUMP
WHEN I MENTIONED THE
GREEN PEOPLE? HIS
EYES NEARLY POPPED
OUT OF HIS HEAD!

HAL, DO YOU
WANT TO RUIN
THIS WHOLE
VACATION FOR
ALL OF US?



SLEEP WELL, HAL!
WE'VE GOT A LONG
DAY AHEAD OF US
TOMORROW.

GOODNIGHT, MOM
AND DAD. I'LL
BE GOOD NOW.



MY PARENTS WERE GOING WITHOUT A BACK-
WARD GLANCE...

MOMMY! DADDY!
DON'T LEAVE
ME! NOOO!



AFTER THAT, I GOT THE USUAL PARENTAL
LECTURE...

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH
OF THIS CHILDISH NONSENSE, HAL!
ONE MORE WORD ABOUT THE
GREEN PEOPLE AND YOU'LL
STAY IN YOUR ROOM
ALL DAY!

AND YOU
WON'T
GET
THAT
FISHING
TACKLE I
PROMISED
YOU!



THEN IT HAPPENED! EVERY NERVE IN MY
BODY SCREAMED...

NON GO TO... WHAT'S
THE MATTER WITH
YOU, HAL?

MOM... DAD...
THEY'RE COMING
FROM THE
WALL.



I TORE AT THE WALL WITH MY HANDS...

MOMMY!
DADDY! COME
BACK! COME
BACK!



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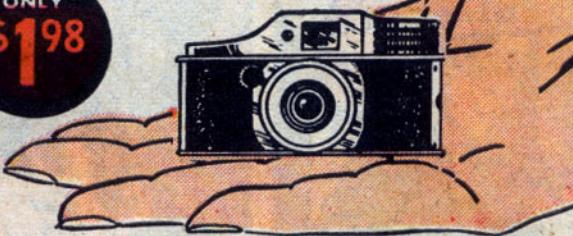


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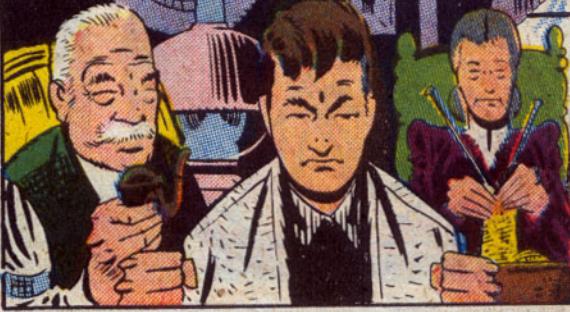
YOU'VE BEEN A VERY SICK BOY, HAL, BUT I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

LEAVE ME ALONE! I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE!

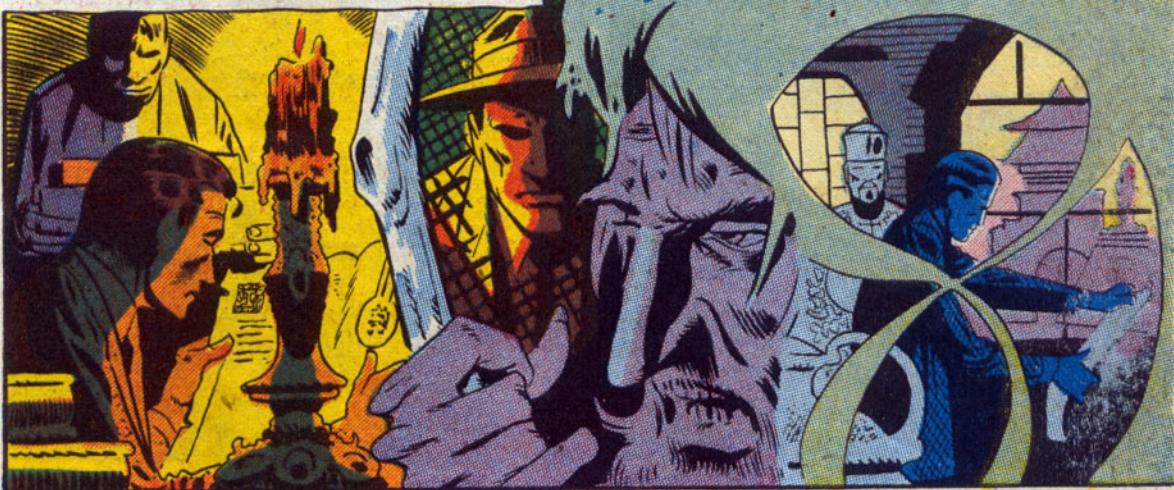
I THOUGHT ABOUT MY PARENTS ALL THE TIME I WAS SICK, AND WHEN I WAS FULLY RE-COVERED...

NOW EASY, HAL! YOU DON'T WANT TO GET SICK AGAIN! YOU MUST FORGET THE PAST!

I'M NEVER GOING TO FORGET! I PROMISE YOU. ONE DAY I'LL FIND OUT WHERE MY PARENTS ARE!



MY THIRST FOR CLUES GREW AS I MATURED! I SOUGHT THE CLUE TO THE GREEN PEOPLE IN EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE ...



I HAD ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE, WHEN ONE DAY IN A LUXEMBOURG ABBEY ...

WHY ... WHAT'S THIS? "THE GREEN PEOPLE WHO EVERY TWENTY YEARS FROM THE OUTER WORLD DO COME TO DRAW MORTALS ..." GREAT HEAVENS ... I'VE FOUND IT!

DEVOURING EVERY WORD, I COMMITTED THE TEXT TO MEMORY...

"... NOW I KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM IF THEY TRY TO TAKE ME!



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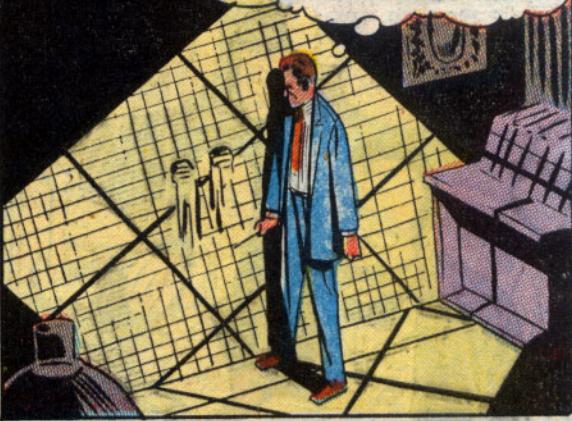
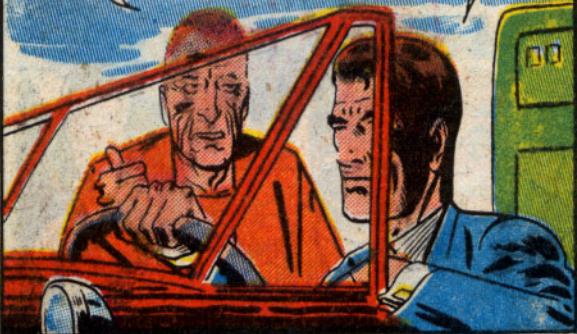
.... MY MIND MADE UP, I WAITED FOR THE PRECISE TIME, AND THEN ...

MISTER, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PLANDOME ? IT'S THE SEASON FOR THE GREEN PEOPLE. WHY, ONLY TWENTY YEARS AGO, A FAMILY WITH A YOUNG LAD ...

I KNOW ... I WAS THAT BOY! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

I TOOK THE SAME HOTEL ROOM AND WAITED...

IT'S TAKEN ME TWENTY YEARS. NOW I'M READY. NOW MY LIFE WILL FINALLY HAVE MEANING!



I PRAY, I CURSE, I ALMOST GIVE UP HOPE. THEN SUDDENLY THE FIRST APPARITION APPEARS...

AHHH -- IT'S COMING! I MUST NOT LOSE MY NERVE ... CALM NOW ...

HOW CAN I BELIEVE IT ? NO -- IT MUST BE A DEVILISH TRICK...

WELCOME, SON! WE'VE WAITED A VERY LONG TIME TO SEE YOU!

NO! STAND BACK! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!



WE'RE HAPPY IN OUR OWN WORLD, SON! IT'S A VERY PLEASANT LIFE AND WE NEVER GROW OLD.'

YES, THAT'S WHY WE'VE COME BACK ... TO TAKE YOU WITH US! THAT WOULD COMPLETE OUR HAPPINESS. WE'VE MISSED YOU.'

HAL, TORN BETWEEN A MYSTERIOUS NEW WORLD WITH HIS PARENTS AND HIS DESIRE TO REMAIN ON EARTH, STANDS UNDECIDED

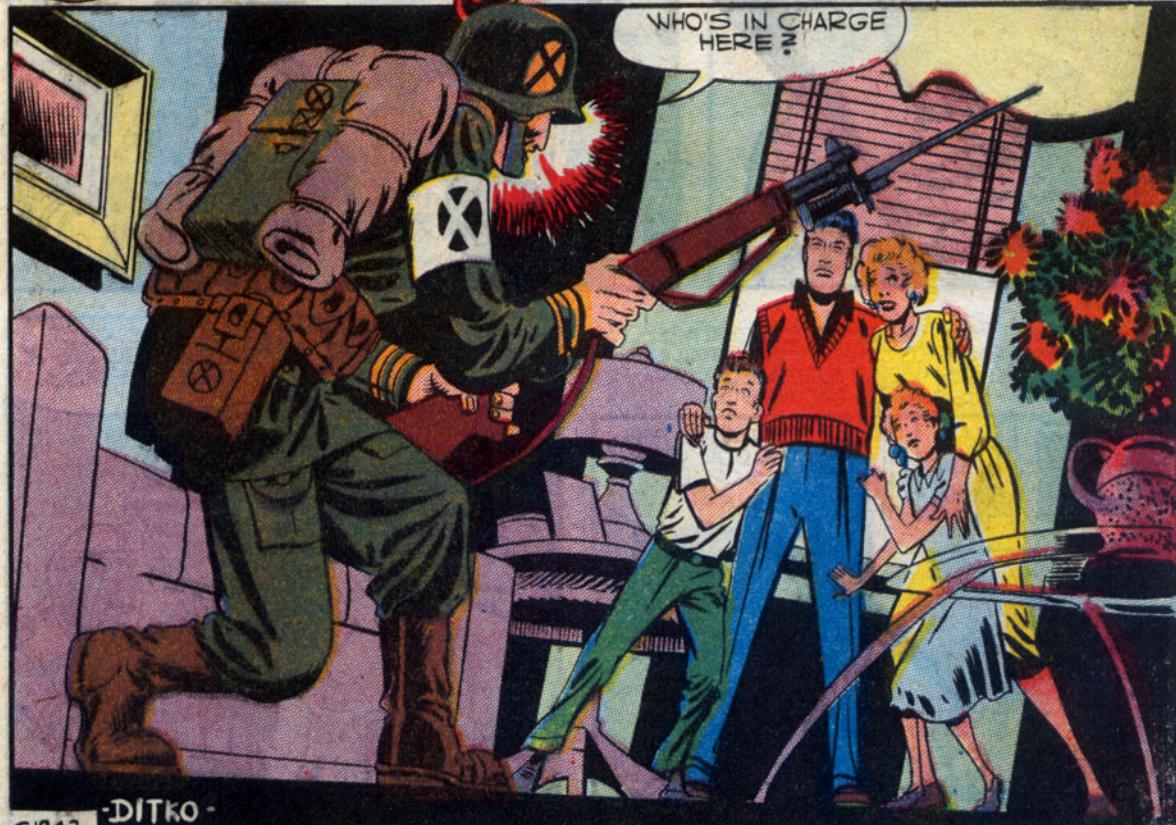


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THEY WERE A QUIET, CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY, FULL OF LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND ALWAYS SMILING PLACIDLY. BUT THEN ONE DAY, BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES, WHERE A SPLIT-SECOND AGO THERE HAD BEEN ONLY EMPTY AIR ... THERE WAS NOW A ...

Stranger in the House



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HMPF -- CIVILIANS, EH?
WELL, FROM NOW ON
YOU'LL ALL TAKE
ORDERS FROM ME!

ORDERS? TO DO
WHAT, SIR? WE
LIVE HERE...

TO DO WHATEVER I SAY, I
CAN SPOT AN OUTFIT THAT
NEEDS DISCIPLINE!



SO NOW THE FAMILY LEARNED DISCIPLINE,
AS THE DAYS PASSED, THEY KEPT SMILING...
BUT THEIR SMILES WERE STRAINED NOW--
AND THEIR EYES WERE TROUBLED...



PUT THE BRUSH
DOWN, DEAR!

WHAT WAS
THAT YOU SAID
TO HER?



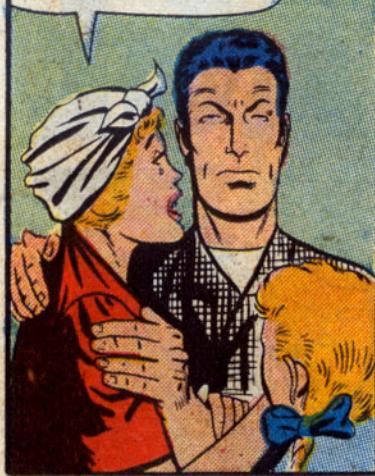
YOU'VE ISSUED YOUR LAST ORDER
IN THIS HOUSE. I'M INSTRUCTING
MY FAMILY NOT TO LISTEN
TO YOU ANY MORE!

YOU
ARE...



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NO, JOHN! WE'LL DO WHAT HE SAYS! HE'LL HURT YOU IF WE DON'T!



I'VE NEVER SAID NO TO YOU BEFORE, MARTHA... BUT THIS TIME I HAVE TO! WE WERE HAPPY UNTIL HE CAME... I HAVE TO PUT A STOP TO WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING TO US.



THE ONLY THING THAT WILL STOP IS YOUR INSUBORDINATION! AND IT'LL STOP RIGHT NOW!



BUT THEN, WITH THE SAME STARTLING SUDDENNESS THAT HAD MARKED HIS APPEARANCE, HE VANISHED...

GASP!



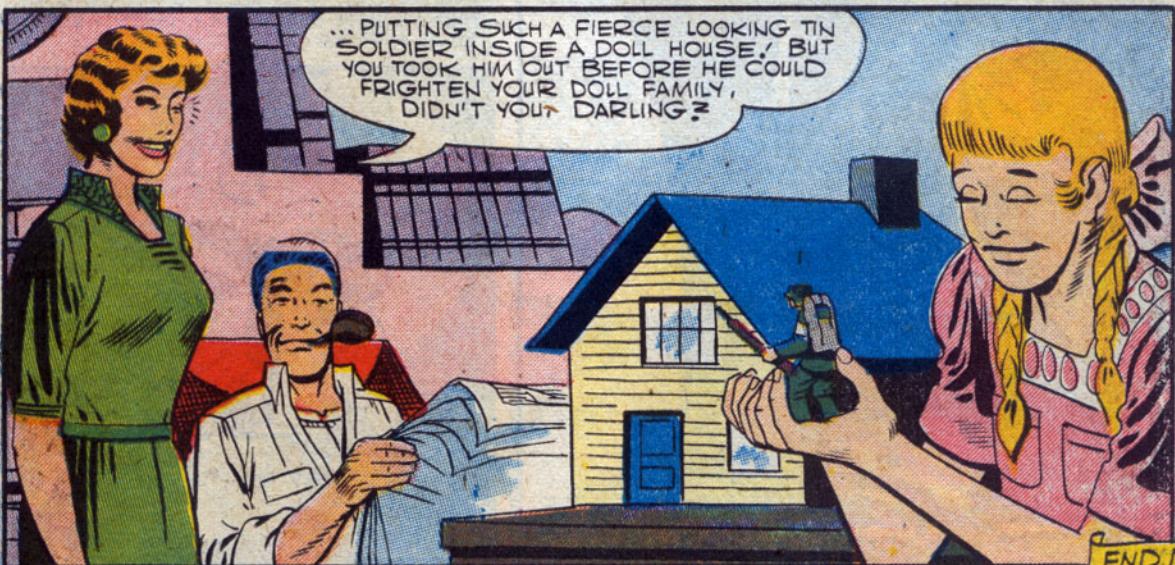
AND A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...

MOTHER, LOOK AT WHAT THE BOY NEXT DOOR DROPPED IN HERE THE LAST TIME HE CAME OVER TO PLAY! THAT WAS SILLY OF HIM, WASN'T IT?

IT CERTAINLY WAS! WHOEVER HEARD OF...



...PUTTING SUCH A FIERCE LOOKING TIN SOLDIER INSIDE A DOLL HOUSE! BUT YOU TOOK HIM OUT BEFORE HE COULD FRIGHTEN YOUR DOLL FAMILY, DIDN'T YOU, DARLING?



END

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THE MIRAGE

WITH THE SIRENS WAILING LIKE MADDENED BANSHEES, AND THE SEARCHLIGHT SCOPING WHITE FUNNELS OUT OF THE DARKNESS, THREATENING EVERY MOMENT TO PINPOINT HIM, THE MAN RAN TOWARD THE HIGH PRISON WALL...



ALMOST THERE!
H-HAVE TO KEEP
GOING!



WHEN HE REACHED THE TOP, ALL HE COULD DO WAS LIE THERE QUIETLY, HIS MOUTH SAGGING, GASPING LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER ...



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...BUT SUDDENLY...



DESPERATE LUCK GUIDED HIS HAND AT THAT MOMENT TO A PIECE OF LOOSE MASONRY...



AND NOW, CLOAKED BY DARKNESS AGAIN...



THEY'LL NEVER
CATCH ME!
NEVER! I'M
DIFFERENT!

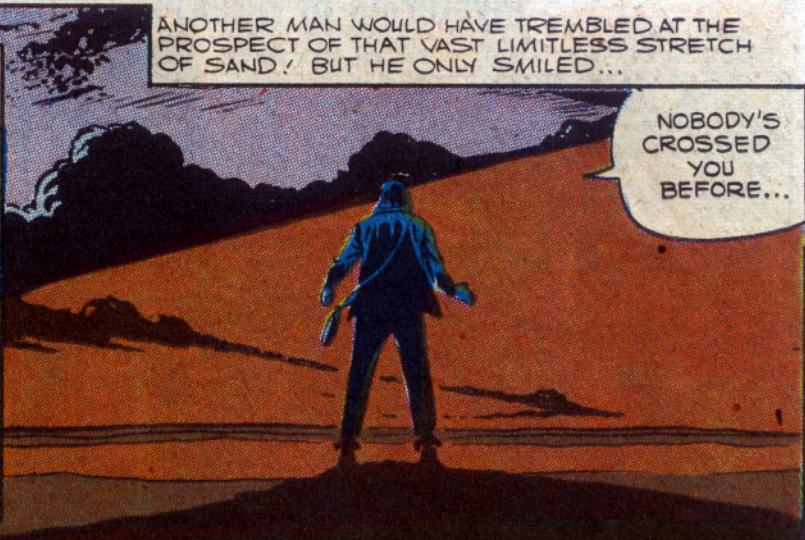
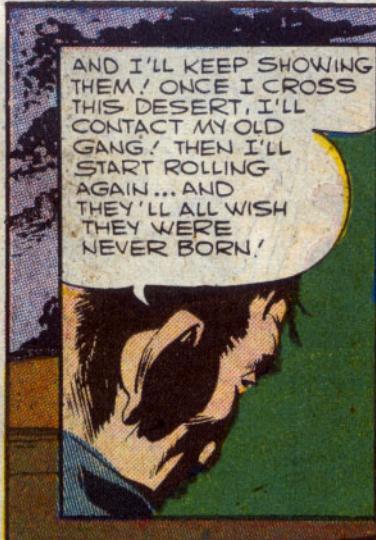


HE SMILED CRUELLY AS HE JOGGED THROUGH THE NIGHT! HE HAD JUST DONE WHAT NO MAN HAD EVER DONE BEFORE! HE HAD BROKEN OUT OF THE GRIM PILE OF STONES THAT WAS A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON ON THE EDGE OF THE DESERT...

THEY THOUGHT THEY'D STASHED ME AWAY FOR LIFE! I SHOWED THEM!



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SPOTTING IT PLEASE
CALL US AT ONCE!

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JIM! YOU ARE THE
FIRST TO SPOT OUR
NEW OBSERVATION
SATELLITE!

I CAN
SEE IT
CLEARLY—

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ARE BETTY AND
JIM'S PICTURES
IN TODAY'S
PAPER!!

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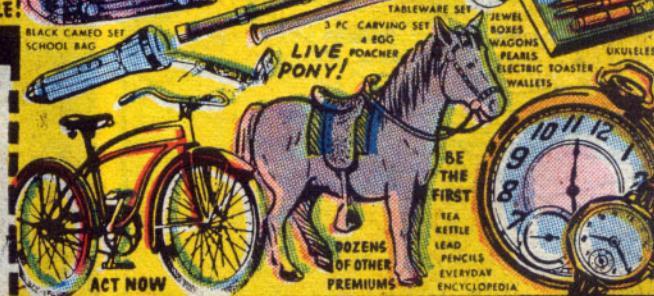
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GASP!



WHEN THEY WERE SHOOTING AT ME UP ON THE WALL, THEY MUST'VE HIT IT! IT'S EMPTY! NOT A DROP LEFT!



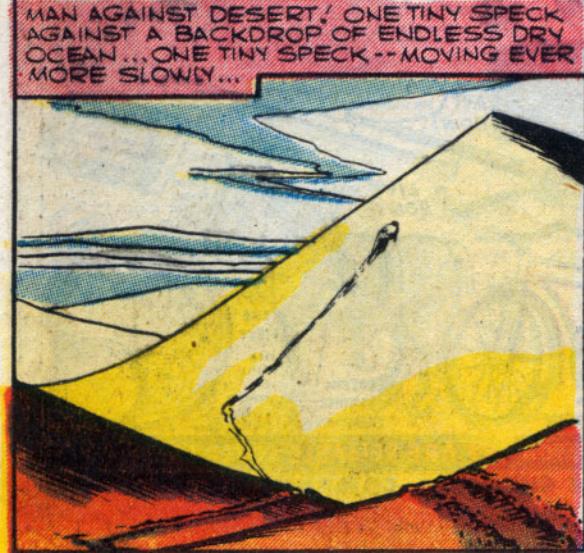
ANOTHER MAN WOULD HAVE TURNED BACK AT THAT MOMENT-- BUT NOT THIS ONE! HE WAS DIFFERENT...



HAVE TO KEEP GOING... CAN'T STOP FOR ANYTHING... HAVE TO KEEP GOING... HAVE TO GET BACK AT... EVERYBODY!



MAN AGAINST DESERT! ONE TINY SPECK AGAINST A BACKDROP OF ENDLESS DRY OCEAN... ONE TINY SPECK -- MOVING EVER MORE SLOWLY...



SUDDENLY...

HEY!

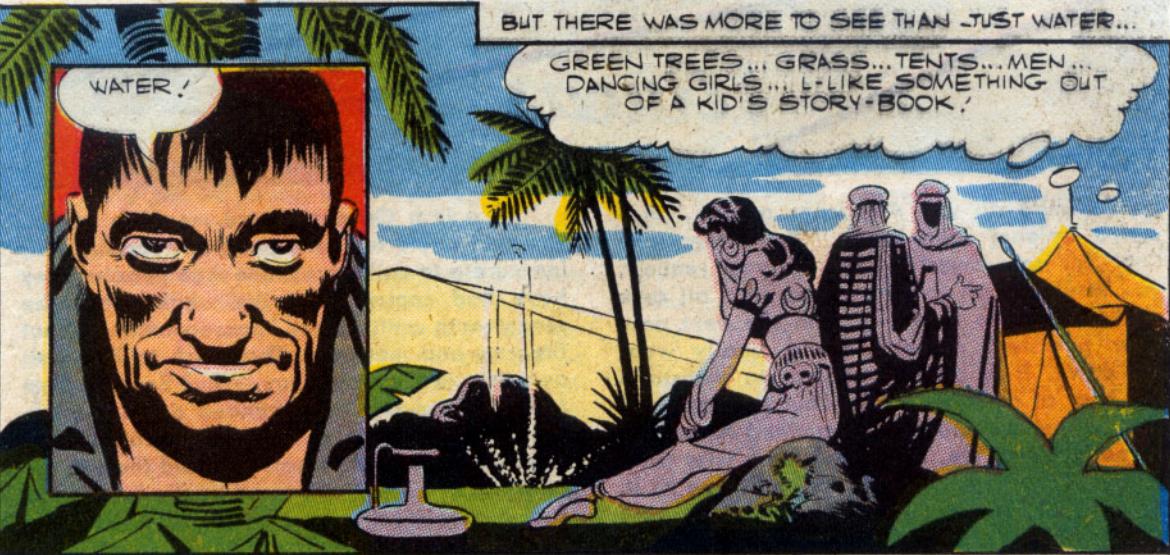


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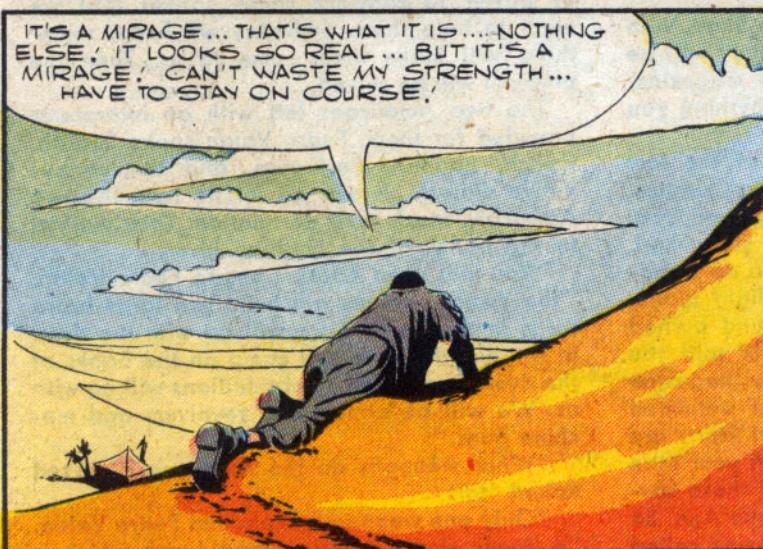
BUT THERE WAS MORE TO SEE THAN JUST WATER...

GREEN TREES... GRASS... TENTS... MEN...
DANCING GIRLS... L-LIKE SOMETHING OUT
OF A KID'S STORY-BOOK!

WATER!



IT'S A MIRAGE... THAT'S WHAT IT IS.... NOTHING
ELSE! IT LOOKS SO REAL... BUT IT'S A
MIRAGE! CAN'T WASTE MY STRENGTH...
HAVE TO STAY ON COURSE!

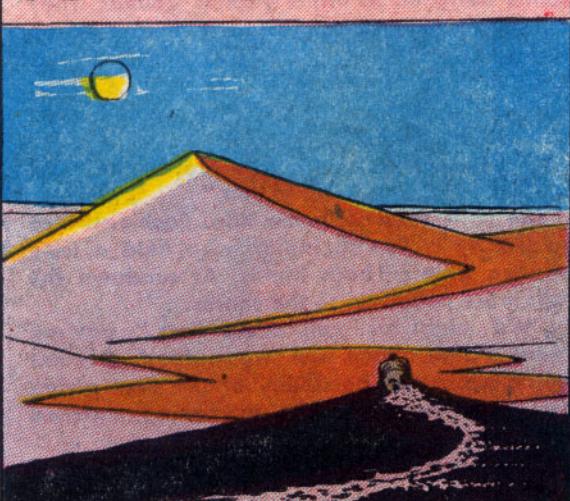


NO OTHER MAN WOULD'VE
HAD THE WILLPOWER TO TURN
AWAY. HE WAS DIFFERENT...

HAVE TO KEEP GOING...
HAVE TO MAKE ALL OF
THEM PAY... MAKE 'EM
SUFFER... LIKE I'M
SUFFERING!



AND SO HE TURNED AND CRAWLED AWAY.
HE KEPT CRAWLING...



AND THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THE
DESERT KNEW...

THE
STRANGER
TURNED
AWAY.

THEY ALWAYS TURN
AWAY! OUR DESERT
SHANGRI-LA IS SHELTERED
BY AN IMPENETRABLE WALL
BUILT BY MODERN MAN'S
DISBELIEF IN THE POSSIBILITY
OF A PARADISE ANY WHERE ON
EARTH! IF ONLY ONE OF THEM
WOULD COME TO US! BUT
THEY ALL TURN AWAY... THEY
ARE ALL THE SAME!



END

Aucas

"I admire all you Americans greatly," admitted Colonel Juan Lopez. "You never take 'no' for an answer! If I refused your request, you would return tomorrow and start all over again. Then the next day, and the next day. Your persistent requests would finally wear me down. It is difficult enough to withstand the heat of our tropical sun, but the combination of the sun and two determined Americans is too much for me. They say I am a wise man. This I will not question but try to live up to it. So I grant to you, John Shay, and to you, Robert Hart, permission to go into the jungle and try to find the Auca Indians."

"Many thanks," interrupted John Shay, with a big smile on his face. "We certainly will be able to get a feature article for our magazine. Before we ask questions, is there anything you want to know from us?"

"Yes," replied the commander of the last outpost on the ridge of the Ecuadorian jungles. "Here I have before me two young men. You, John Shay are what they call the story man. Your magazine, NEWS, wants you to do a feature article. Five men go up in a light plane. They vanish. The plane is later found burned and stripped of all valuables. It is said the Auca Indians killed these men. Your magazine sends you down here with almost unlimited funds to get the story. You, Robert Hart, are what they call the picture man. With your little camera you plan to get pictures of these savages. They are said to be of the Stone Age. So pictures and story go into the magazine called NEWS."

"You have the idea," smiled Robert Hart. "Anything else you want to know?"

The military commander looked out of the window of his quarters for a few minutes before answering. He knew the dramatic effect of what he was going to say would be high.

"Never has anyone gone into the jungle territory of the Aucas and returned alive," he continued. "Why should you two be any exceptions?"

The two Americans had sort of anticipated such a statement, and John Shay was ready with his answer.

"They say there is always a first time. This will be the first time that two men returned alive. Now may we ask some questions?"

"With pleasure," said Colonel Juan Lopez.

"What is really known about the Aucas?" asked Robert Hart.

"Auca is a Quechua word meaning infidel. The real name of these people is Aushiri. It is inaccurate to call them Stone Age people. They have had contact with the whites since the seventeenth century, and know something about firearms and machetes. They wish to live their own lives in their own way. Why? Because from father to son has been handed down the terrible tale of the time the slave hunters went after them, captured them, and sold them to the planters. Diseases, introduced by the Europeans, such as smallpox, helped to decimate the tribes. Believe me, my government wishes to do all in its power to convince these natives that we want to help them. Someday we hope, something will make them come to us. Then the problem will be solved."

The two Americans left with an interpreter provided for them. Pedro Valon spoke English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and the various native dialects. It was his job to help the two Americans reach their destination. They walked to the banks of the Nushino River.

"You will need boats," began Pedro Valon. "The Yumbo Indians will build two large balsa rafts. In the daytime we will go with the river. In the nighttime we will camp on the banks of the river. One dozen Yumbo Indians will go with us. We will be armed with revolvers and machine guns."

"What weapons do the Aucas use?" asked Robert Hart.

"Only one weapon," explained Pedro Valon. "A razor sharp Chonta wood lance which is about three yards in length. Each is decorated with bright feathers and tapers into saw-toothed points designed to inflict gaping wounds. They will try to ambush us. We must always be on our guard."

Three days later the rafts were ready. Colonel Juan Lopez came down to the water's edge to bid them farewell.

"The Aucas will know you are on the way. So the best of luck to all of you."

The rafts went with the tide. Each raft was guided by a Yumbo Indian who held a long wooden pole in both hands. At sundown the rafts were pulled up to the shores.

"We might as well make fires," advised Pedro Valon, "and eat warm food. Do not worry about the possibility of the fires giving away our positions. We are being watched every minute."

Three armed Yumbo Indians would stand

guard for three hour intervals while the rest slept. Then in the morning the journey would again be resumed. The pitiless heat did not seem to affect the Indians.

"Worse than the inside of a furnace," complained Robert Hart.

"Some day a genius will invent an air conditioning system for jungles. Then he will make a mint of money."

At the end of a week's travel, Pedro Valon explained the situation to the two Americans.

"In four more days we will come to the territory of the Aucas. From then on you are on what you Americans call, 'Your own.' We shall wait for you for a period of ten days. If you do not return we can safely assume the end came for you."

"Cheerful fellow," said John Shay. "Who knows? We might have to save you fellows yet."

When he spoke those words they were in jest. He hadn't the slightest idea that forty-eight hours later it would be true. The river was narrowing. Increased tension could be noticed among the Yumbo Indians. Suddenly the two rafts, sticking close together, were blocked by a huge half-sunken log in a narrow river bend. Tago, one of the Yumbo Indians realized the trap.

"Aucas!" he shouted. "We are in danger!"

The log was a deliberate barrier planted there to slow down the rafts. The purpose was to force the men closer to the shore. There the Aucas were waiting with their lances ready to attack.

"We are in about two feet of water," said Pedro Valon. "Let us get off the rafts. Keep as submerged as possible. We can fire our guns and use the rafts as protection."

Everyone went overboard and just in time as a hail of lances struck the rafts. Robert Hart took pictures while the others fired their weapons towards the shore. After two hours of fighting, one thing became apparent. The strategy of the Aucas was simple and effective. They were inducing the men to use up their bullets. Then when the weapons would be useless, they were ready to attack in masses.

"Let's get the rafts back into high water," suggested John Shay. "We are outnumbered."

Pedro Valon gave the orders to the Yumbo

Indians and in a hour the rafts were back tracking their way home. Hundreds of Aucas lined the banks and began heading for the rafts. The situation was tense.

"Now?" asked John Shay.

"Now," replied Robert Hart.

The American opened a small water proof chest and took from it several red sticks. The Indians sensed at once what he was going to do. They laid flat on the rafts as the two Americans lit and hurled several sticks of dynamite into the air. The explosives hit the water just before the shore. There was a terrific din and a column of thick smoke arose into the air. Frightened, the Aucas dropped their lances and ran for their lives.

The two rafts headed for the shore. Lances were stacked along the river edge. The men took these lances and carried them to the rafts. Pedro Valon approved this task.

"If an Auca loses his lance he is in disgrace until he recovers it. Wonder how they will react to this situation?"

The small expedition returned to their starting point. The Colonel was happy that all had returned without a single loss of life.

"You have good pictures and an interesting story," he consoled the two Americans. "So you can't very well complain if you didn't get to visit them personally in the jungle."

Two days later, Pedro Valon visited the two Americans and told them the news.

"It is impossible but it happened. There is an Auca delegation here. They have returned the five men in the plane whom they were holding captive. In exchange they want back their lances, and something else. They want those sticks that you threw up into the air and made fish come out of the water. The waters are full of fish. If you give them some of these sticks you can visit them. The Colonel says please do this. It will enable his government finally to make the needed contact with them."

And that is how the best photo-story of the year was written about the Aucas. Robert Hart had his own comment to make.

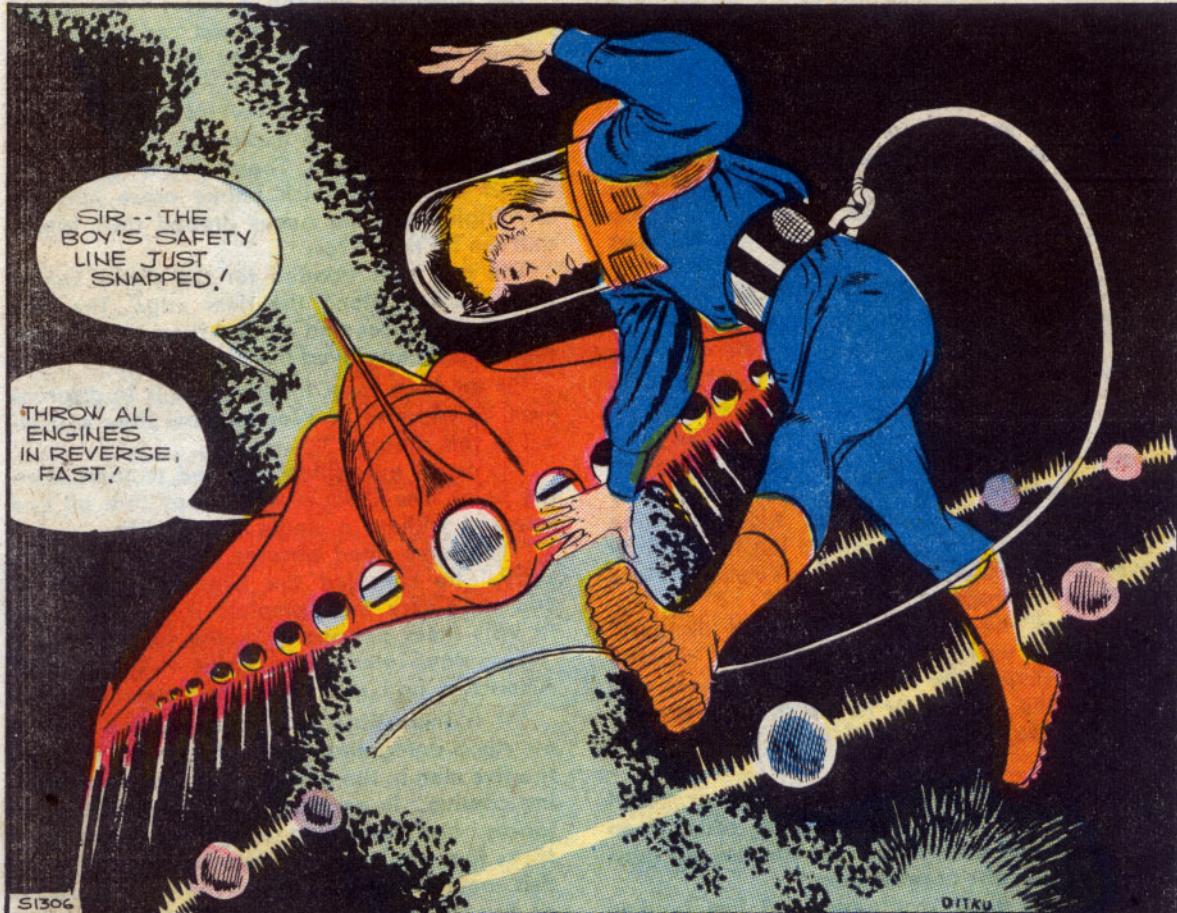
"My dad was a miner back in Pennsylvania. Sometimes they would go fishing by blasting the waters. They did that also in the South Pacific. And now the Aucas do it."

— THE END —



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

STOWAWAY



YOUR HEART SINKS WITH DESPAIR AS THE SHIP DWINDLES IN THE DISTANCE! YOU KNOW YOU'VE DONE WRONG -- BUT TO BE LEFT THIS WAY, THAT'S JUST MEAN - CRAZY...



IF YOU'D EVER KNOWN HOW TRAVELLING UP AMONG THE STARS CHANGED MEN, YOU'D NEVER HAVE ACHED TO BE A SPACE PILOT -- NEVER...



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

BUT WHO
COULD WAIT?
YOU WERE
TWELVE
YEARS OLD...
YOU KNEW
WHAT YOU
WANTED,
SO ONE
NIGHT...

THE GUARD LET ME
RIGHT THROUGH, AND
NOW HE'S LOOKING
THE OTHER WAY!

THIS FOOD LOCKER WILL
MAKE A DANDY
HIDING PLACE TILL
AFTER THE
BLAST-OFF!

YOU MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP, FOR THE NEXT THING
YOU KNEW...

YOU HADN'T BEEN STRAPPED
IN -- AND THE JOLT OF THE
BLAST-OFF CAUSED YOU
TO CRY OUT...

HEY!

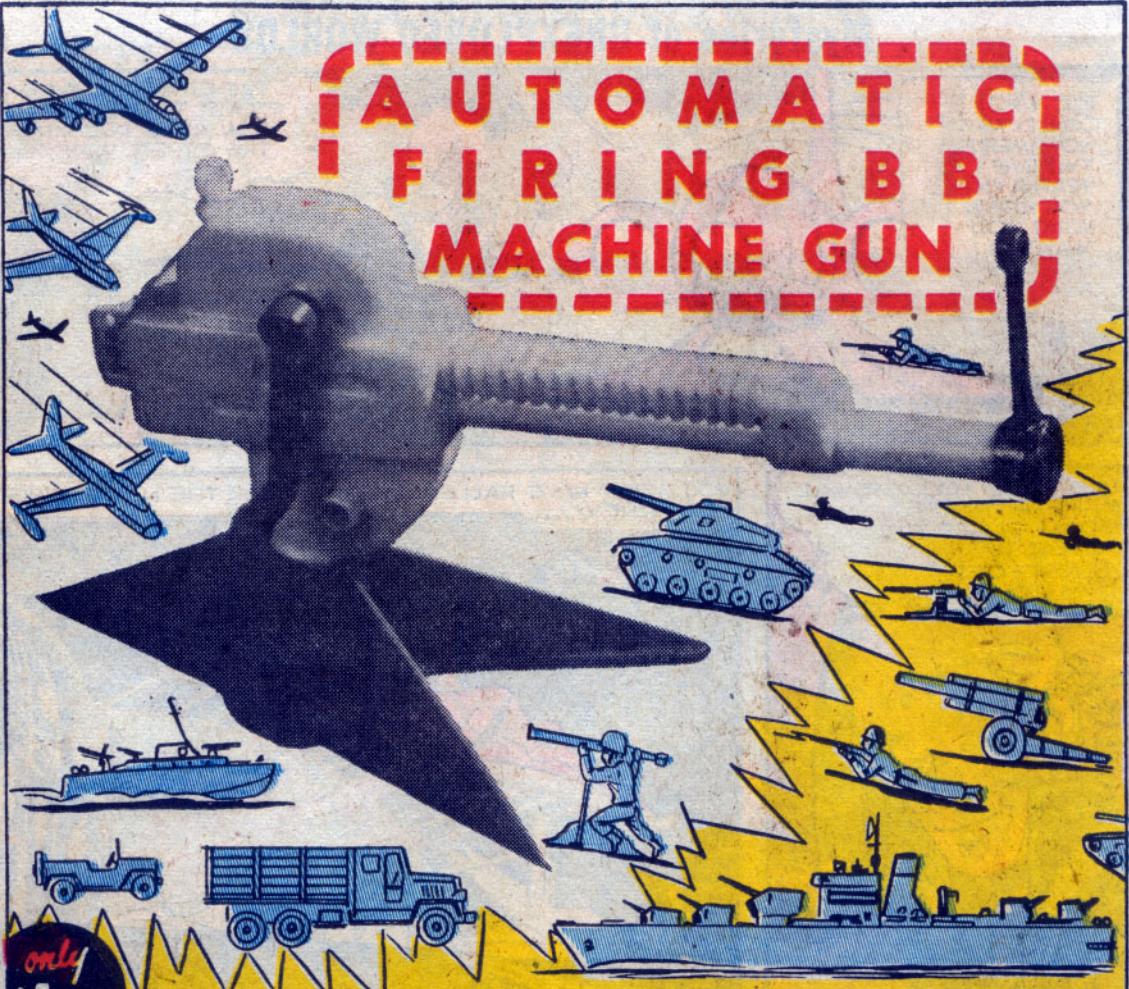
HMM...
LOOKS
LIKE WE
HAVE
COMPANY!

UH-OH, THE SKIPPER
WILL SURE BLOW HIS
TOP WHEN HE MEETS
THIS STOWAWAY!

WHEN YOU AND THE SKIPPER WERE FACE TO FACE,
A LONG MOMENT PASSED WITHOUT A WORD,
A MOMENT DURING WHICH YOU SAW MORE HARD-
NESS IN A MAN'S FACE THAN YOU HAD EVER
DREAMED POSSIBLE! THEN...

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AND SO NOW, YOU WERE AMONG THE STARS-- BUT WHERE WAS THE FUN? NOBODY SPOKE TO YOU EXCEPT TO SAY...

MOVE ASIDE!
THIS IS NO
PLEASURE
CRUISE.'

THEY NEVER LET YOU FORGET THAT YOU HAVE BROKEN THE RULES -- THAT YOU DIDN'T BELONG UP THERE...

STOP BLOCK-
ING THAT
VIEWER!

GET AWAY
FROM THOSE
CHARTS!

HANDS OFF THE
RADARSCOPE!

THEN THE SPACE STORM STRUCK...

WHOOSH!

AFTER THE STORM HAD DIED DOWN...

SIR, WE CAN'T KEEP ON COURSE!

STOP ALL ENGINES! PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY INSPECTION PROCEDURE!

WELL,
WHAT'S
THE
STORY?

THE JET EXHAUST'S BEEN FOULLED BY SPACE DEBRIS, SIR! IT'S WEDGED ALL THE WAY UP -- I COULDN'T CLEAR IT!

THAT WAS WHEN YOU SAW YOUR CHANCE...

SIR, I'M SMALL ENOUGH! PLEASE LET ME TRY!



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

WE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, SIR! BUT THE BOY'S RIGHT! HE'S THE ONLY ONE SMALL ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB!

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY, SIR!

SO THE SKIPPER NODDED GRIMLY! AND AFTER BEING GEARED UP...

I'LL SHOW HIM... I'LL MAKE HIM GLAD I CAME ALONG!

EVERYTHING WAS GOING SMOOTH AS SILK...

CLEARED IT! JUST WAIT TILL HE HEARS THAT I ...

IT WAS THEN THAT THE STORM BLEW ITS LAST DYING GUST...

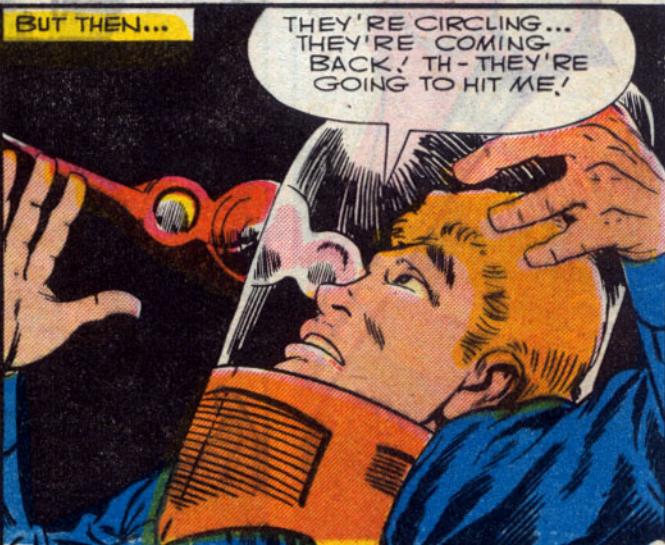


AND NOW...

HE'S GOING AWAY! HE'S LEAVING ME! NO! NO!

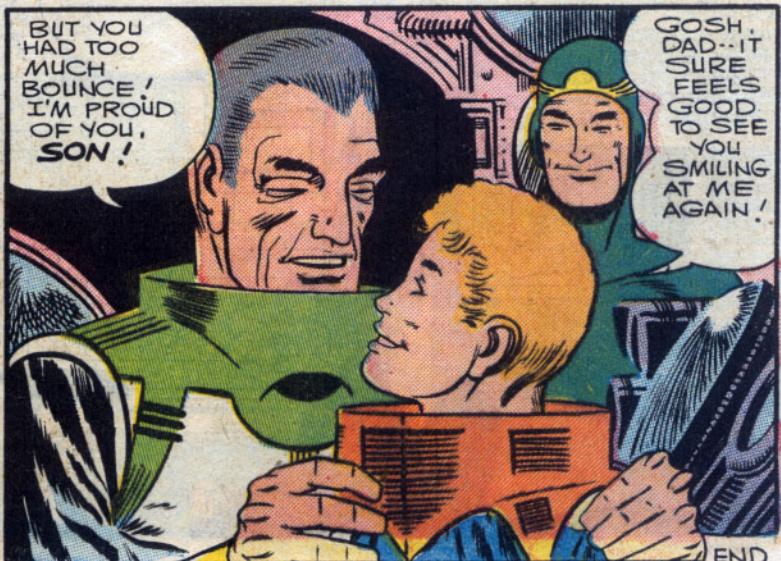
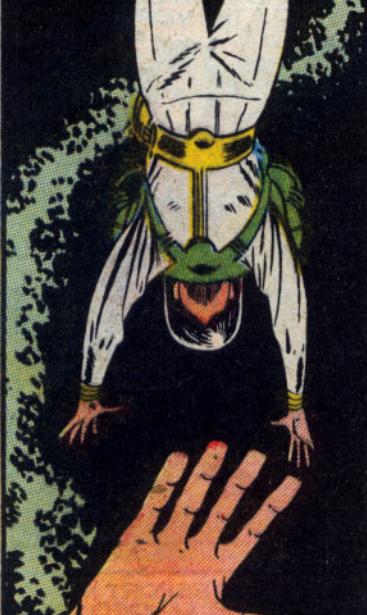
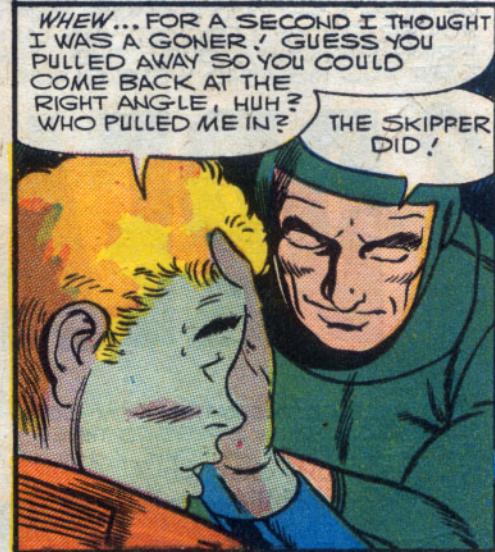
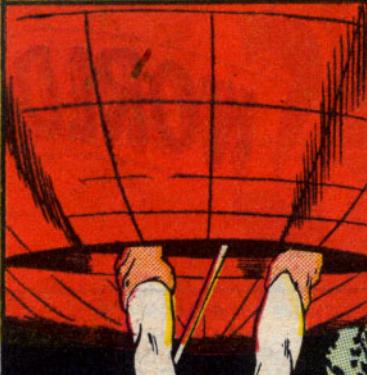
BUT THEN...

THEY'RE CIRCLING... THEY'RE COMING BACK! TH- THEY'RE GOING TO HIT ME!



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PANIC BLINDS YOU... PANIC PREVENTS YOU FROM SEEING THE FIGURE REACHING OUT FOR YOU...



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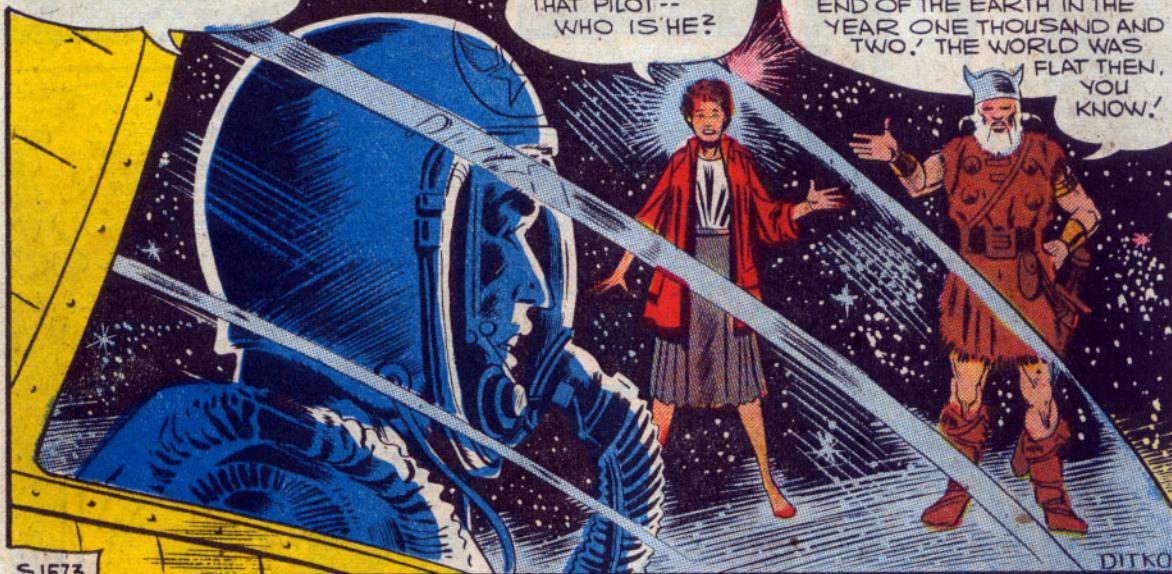
WHAT HAPPENS AT A HUNDRED THOUSAND FEET WHEN SPEED IS MEASURED IN HUNDREDS OF MILES A SECOND? IT WAS CAPTAIN AL GIBBONS' JOB TO FIND OUT. THE STUBBY, POWER-PACKED ROCKET WAS LAUNCHED AND THE AIR FORCE PILOT PUNCHED THE FIRING BUTTONS... ONE... TWO... THREE... FOUR! AL'S BODY WAS FLATTENED IN HIS SEAT AND HIS MIND WENT BLANK! HE SAW VISIONS!

a DREAMER'S WORLD

TOO MUCH ACCELERATION! OXYGEN STARVATION WHEN I PASSED THREE THOUSAND MILES AN HOUR, I GUESS! I'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT!

WHAT AM I DOING HERE? I WAS MIXING IN THE NITROGEN COMPOUND WHEN... THAT PILOT-- WHO IS HE?

ANOTHER DREAMER LIKE OURSELVES, MY DEAR! PERHAPS HE TOO PASSED THE EDGE OF REALITY--AS I DID WHEN I SAILED OFF THE END OF THE EARTH IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND AND TWO! THE WORLD WAS FLAT THEN, YOU KNOW!

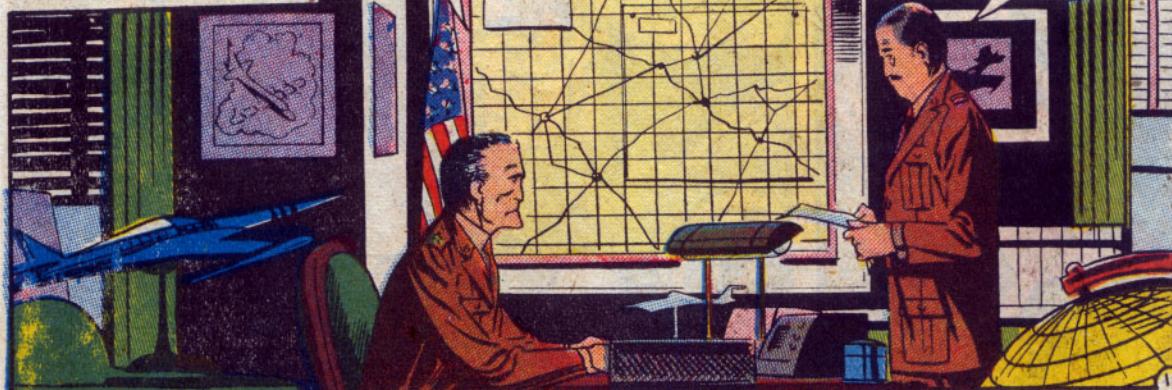


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IN THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S QUARTERS AT A SECRET AIR FORCE BASE IN CALIFORNIA, THE FLIGHT SURGEON WAS TALKING TO THE C.O. . . .

BUT CAPTAIN GIBBONS IS ONE OF THE BEST PILOTS WE HAVE! I'D HATE TO GROUND HIM!

YOU MUST! THIS REPORT HE FILED AFTER HE LANDED THE EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET JOB IS FANTASTIC! AND GIBBONS STILL INSISTS IT'S ALL TRUE!



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

"THE REPORT READ FINE UP UNTIL THE LAUNCHING FROM THE MOTHER SHIP AT FIFTY THOUSAND FEET! THEN...

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN,
AL-- BETTER YOU
THAN ME!

HERE I GO! I'LL GET
TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND
POUNDS OF THRUST
EACH TIME I HIT
ONE OF THOSE
BUTTONS!

HE REPORTED EIGHT HUN-
DRED MILES AN HOUR ON
THE FIRST ROCKET...

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED ON
THE SECOND THRUST! HE
WAS CLIMBING STRAIGHT
UP...

WHOOSH,
THAT ONE
ALMOST
BLACKED
ME OUT!

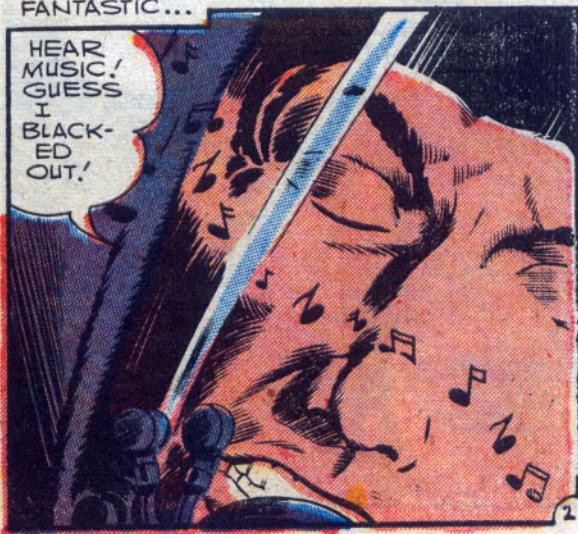
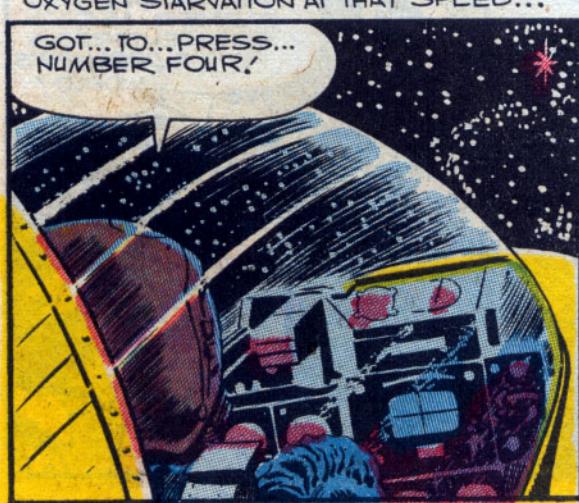


AND TWENTY-NINE HUNDRED ON NUMBER
THREE! HE REPORTS THE SYMPTOMS OF
OXYGEN STARVATION AT THAT SPEED...

AT THIS POINT, HIS REPORT BECOMES
FANTASTIC...

GOT... TO... PRESS...
NUMBER FOUR!

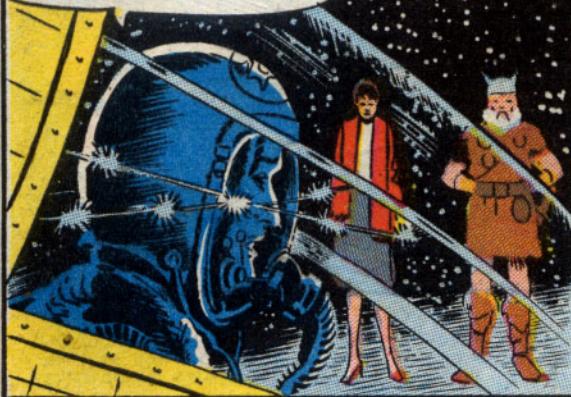
HEAR
MUSIC!
GUESS
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BLACK-
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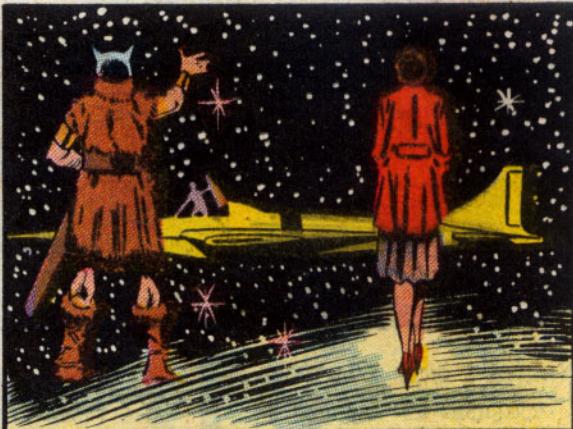
Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

FROM THEN ON, IT'S ALL DELUSION! OXYGEN STARVATION CAUSED IT, NO DOUBT...

I HAD A CRAZY HUNCH SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF I WENT THIS FAST!



HE INSISTS HE CLIMBED OUT OF THE PLANE AND WALKED OVER TO THESE VISIONS. I REMINDED HIM OF THE PLANE'S ALTITUDE AND SPEED BUT HE SAYS THAT ISN'T IMPORTANT...



SOMEONE HAD BETTER BRIEF ME! WHAT'S GOING ON? WHERE AM I?

I'M AS PUZZLED AS YOU, FLYBOY. THE ADMIRAL HERE MIGHT KNOW A FEW ANSWERS!



BOTH OF YOU HAVE PASSED A FORBIDDEN BARRIER. PERHAPS THE BARRIER WAS ONE YOU ERECTED IN YOUR OWN MINDS, BUT IT WAS THERE. ALL OF US HERE IN THIS WORLD HAVE DONE SO.



THAT GENTLEMAN WAS A JUDGE IN YOUR COUNTRY. HE'S LOST TO HIS WORLD WHICH STILL WONDERS AT HIS DISAPPEARANCE. WHAT BARRIER HE PASSED NONE OF US KNOW.



WAIT A MINUTE! THESE PEOPLE... YOU... THE OTHERS, ARE ALL DEAD?

I'M NOT.

DEAD IS NOT THE EXACT WORD, CAPTAIN. YOU'VE JUST PASSED A BARRIER, AS I SAID... ENTERED A NEW, A DREAMER'S WORLD!



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

THIS GENTLEMAN TRIED TO CONQUER THE WORLD. HE FAILED... DISAPPEARED ONE DARK NIGHT AND FOUND HIMSELF HERE.'



MORE RECENTLY WE HAD SEVERAL MORE 'WORLD CONQUERORS' FORCED ON US. THEY ARE DESPISED HERE TOO!



CAPTAIN GIBBONS DESCRIBES HIS DELUSIONS IN SOME DETAIL. THIS DREAM WORLD OF HIS HAD SOME FORM OF GOVERNMENT TOO! THEY HAD A SORT OF CITIZENSHIP RITE THAT MADE THEIR ADMISSION TO THAT WORLD OFFICIAL...

NOW, BEFORE YOUR NAMES ARE ENTERED IN THE RECORDS OF THIS COMMUNITY, HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY?

CAPTAIN, I'M FRIGHTENED. CAN'T WE STOP THIS? DO SOMETHING!



YOU BET WE CAN! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! I'M NOT READY FOR THIS OUTFIT YET!



HALT! YOU WILL RETURN AND HAVE YOUR NAMES INSCRIBED AS HERR JUDGE HAS DIRECTED.

GET OUT OF MY WAY BEFORE I SMEAR YOU AGAIN LIKE WE DID IN 1944!



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHAT CAN WE DO?

BACK! WE CAN GO BACK! BACK TO WHERE WE WERE WHEN THIS CRAZY DREAM STARTED!

CAN'T YOU COME WITH ME? CAN'T WE GO BACK TOGETHER?

PERHAPS A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE! PERHAPS YOU TWO WEREN'T READY TO JOIN OUR GROUP! HURRY BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

HIS REPORT SAYS THAT THE ROCKET CUT-OFF WAS JAMMED! HE USED ALL HIS STRENGTH TO FREE THE LEVER...

WHW! I'M STILL GROGGY! THAT DREAM... THAT GIRL, HELEN!

WHERE DID I... WHEN I WAS STANDING WITH HELEN BEFORE THE OLD SEA CAPTAIN? BUT IF THAT WAS TRUE... HELEN IS IN DANGER, RIGHT NOW! I MUST GET TO HER!

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CAPTAIN GIBBONS USED THE PARABRAKE AND LANDED THE ROCKET SHIP INTACT. HE BECAME ALMOST VIOLENT WHEN I HELD HIM HERE WHILE HE DICTATED THIS REPORT..."

YOU NEED HOSPITAL TREATMENT, CAPTAIN. I'LL ARRANGE...

ARRANGE NOTHING! I'M GRABBING A CAB TO THE COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY RIGHT NOW. THAT GIRL'S IN TROUBLE!

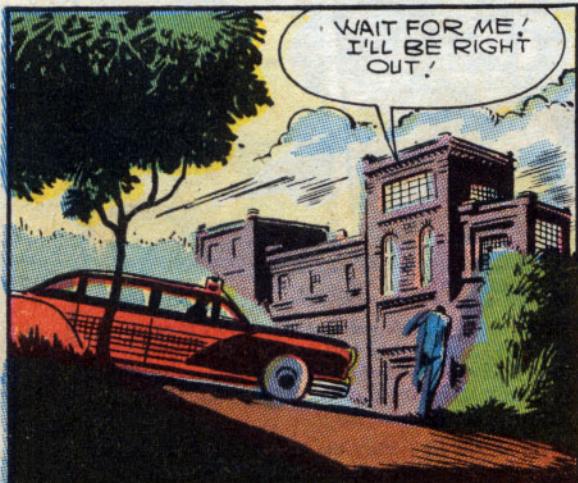
HE EVEN HAD THE QUILL PEN TO PROVE HIS FANTASY! ODD, EH?

POOR DEVIL! I WONDER WHERE HE IS NOW?



MEANWHILE, IN A CAB NEAR THE LABORATORIES AT THE COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY...

WAIT FOR ME! I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!



THAT... AIR... FEELS GOOD! CAPTAIN, DID... WE GET AWAY?



AND WHILE CAPTAIN GIBBONS HELD HIS FLESH AND BLOOD 'DREAM' GIRL THE FLIGHT SURGEON MADE HIS REPORT!

YOU MUST GROUND CAPTAIN GIBBONS UNTIL HE GETS OVER HIS DELUSIONS ABOUT THAT DREAM GIRL OF HIS!

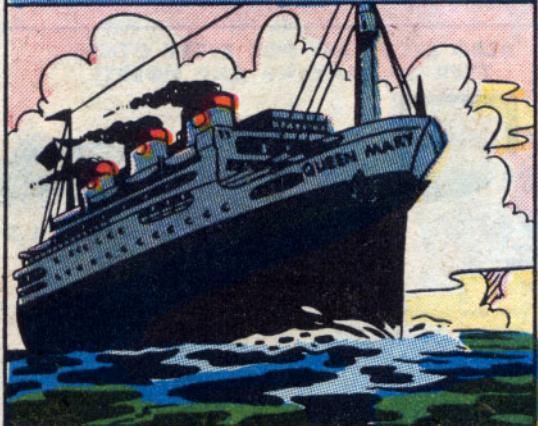


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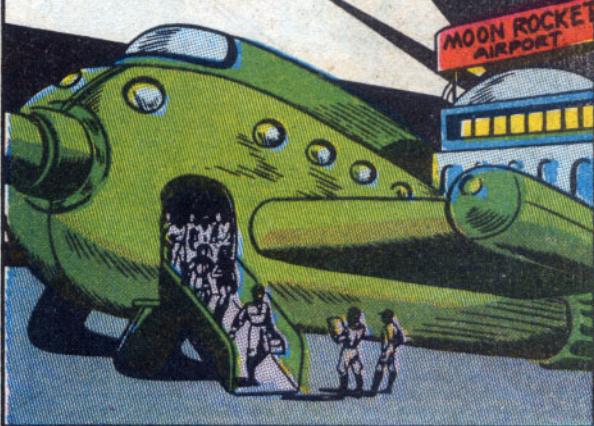
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THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE IS VERY MUCH PRESENT IN THE BACKGROUND OF POPULAR THOUGHT. IN THE MINDS OF ALL, ONE BIG QUESTION ARISES. WHAT CAN ATOMIC ENERGY DO?

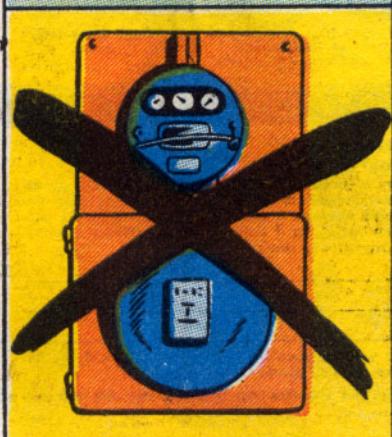
A FEW CAREFULLY CHOSEN ATOMS COULD DRIVE THE LUXURY LINER, QUEEN MARY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND BACK AGAIN!



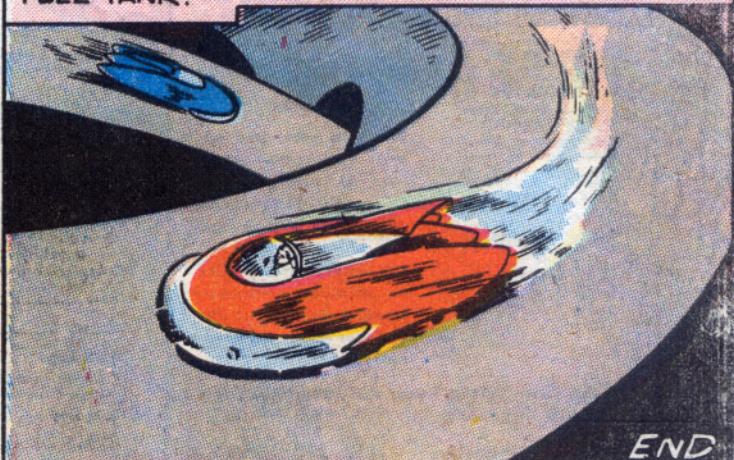
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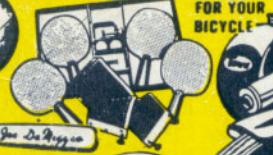
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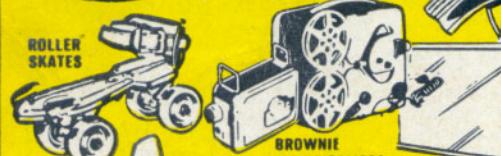


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